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SUBJ: NAP WINS BY- ELECTION IN FRONTIER

1. UNOFFICIAL RESULTS FROM JUNE 14 PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY BY- ELECTION IN NORTH WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE GIVE JOINT NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY/ JAMAITUL- ULEMA- ISLAMI CANDIDATE NARROW VICTORY OVER PEOPLE S' PARTY/ QAIYUM MUSLIM LEAGUE CANDIDATE. ACCODRING TO INITIAL PRESS REPORTS, WINNING NAP CANDIDATE RECEIVED MAJORITY OF LESS THAN 1,000 VOTES OVER PRO- GOVERNMENT CADIDATE OUR OF 41,000 VOTES CAST THEREBY RETAINING FOR NAP SEAT WON IN 1970 ELECTIONS. PPP/ QML CANDIDATE RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY SAME NUMBER OF VOTES AS CAST FOR PML AND PPP CANDIDATES IN 1970. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT NUMBER OF NAP/ JUI SUPPORTERS DID NOT VOTE IN BY- ELECTION (66 PERCENT OF ELECTORATE VOTED AS COMPARED TO 77 PERCENT IN 1970 ELECTIONS).

2. COMMENT: ASSUMING UNOFFICIAL ELECTIONS RESULTS ARE CONFIRMED, BY- ELECTION CONDUCTED IN SWABI, LONG TIME NAP STRONGHOLD, WILL CONSITTUTE IMPORTANT PSYCHOLOGICAL
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VICTORY FOR NAP AND OPPOSITION AS A WHOLE. (ALL PREVIOUS
BY- ELECTIONS (FIVE), CONDUCTED IN PUNJAB, HAVE BEEN WON BY
PPP CANDIDATES.) GOVERNMENT DEFEAT WILL BE PARTICULARLY
GALLING SINCE MINISTERS QAIYUM AND SHERPAO AND DEPUTY
SPEAKER HANIF ACTIVELY COMPAIGNED ON BEHALF OF PPP/ QML
CANDIDATE. NAP RETENTION OF PA SEAT DOES NOT AFFECT,
HOWEVER, CONTROL OF PA BY UNITED FRONT/ PPP/ QML COALITION
WHICH NOW APPEARS CONTROL AT LEAST 22 VOTES OF 42 TOTAL.
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